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In re application of: Kaplan et al.

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For: DEFENSE VEHICLE AIMING ORDINANCE PLATFORM
HAVING VARIABLE RELUCTANCE MOTOR

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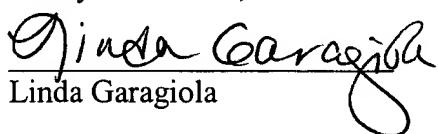
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant respectfully objects to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance--set forth in the Notice of Allowability. Independent claim 22 recites a variable reluctance motor including stationary and rotatable bearing races, a stator having a plurality of individual phase segment wherein "each segment of said plurality of individual phase segments is separately coupled to said stationary bearing race", and a rotor "coupled to and suspended from said rotatable bearing race...." Independent claim 32 recites an aimable ordinance platform having a variable reluctance motor with the same limitations. Finally, independent claims 18-21 each recited similar limitations.

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Meyers discloses an alternating current motor rather than a variable reluctance motor as claimed. Column 3, lines 12-14. Further, neither Figure 1 nor the description of the motor at Column 3, lines 12-20 disclose a stator having a plurality of individual phase segments—much less phase segments that are separately coupled to a stator bearing race—or a rotor suspended from a rotatable bearing race. Applicants further submit that neither Apsit et al. nor Mayer disclose a motor meeting these limitations.

Respectfully submitted,


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